

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

In the Specification:

I. Objection to Abstract

The abstract of the disclosure is objected to because the abstract contains multiple paragraphs. Please replace the abstract at page 27 with the following amended abstract.

A system and method facilitating the exchange and/or using of a session key (*e.g.*, symmetric key) to facilitate secure communication is provided. The session key can be employed to encrypt and/or decrypt message(s) that form a dialog between an initiator system and target system(s). The systems and methods of the present invention can facilitate, for example, dialog authentication, authorization and location transparency of service(s) and/or scalable secure monolog(s). The system employs public key/private key asymmetric encryption and/or decryption technique(s) to authenticate and secure information (*e.g.*, message(s) and/or session key(s)) exchanged between an initiator system and a target system.